

# **PINE-STRAWBERRY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

**MEETING DATE:** February 25, 2021  
**AGENDA ITEM:** 6A  
**PRESENTER:** Paul Hendricks  
**SUBJECT:** Discuss and Take Possible Action Regarding the Status, Prioritization, and Funding of Capital Projects

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION: WIFA and USDA PROGRAM(S)

## WIFA Capital Program:

- The District continues to process WIFA disbursements.
- There is one current waterline replacement project under design.
- The other projects are closed or awaiting the final Engineering Reports for ADEQ to issue an Approval of Construction.
- The District is looking at another small waterline replacement project in the Rimview area for a pipeline that has a high frequency of failures, to utilize the remaining WIFA funds. The WIFA Advisory Board approved this new project. We are awaiting AFA Board approval. We need to decide if we have the budget for this project as soon as we know the cost of the remaining projects that have been previously approved.

## USDA Capital Program:

### Phase 1

- EPS Engineering is finalizing the EJCDC Contract along with their proposed Scope and Fee for:
  - P6: Whispering Pines - 2,245 LF 6" PVC
  - P7: Cool Pines Phase A - 4,167 LF 6" PVC
  - P10: Pine Mountain Acres/Pinion - 1,250 LF 6" PVC
  - P11: Pine Mountain Acres/Pinion - 1,250 LF 6" PVC
  - EPS to update estimate project costs for P6 and P7. EPS will be working on an Engineering proposal for P10 and P11.
  - The Engineering contracts will be sent to USDA for review and approval.
- Sunrise Engineering is finalizing the EJCDC Contract along with their proposed Scope and Fee for:
  - P8: Woodland Heights Phase A - 3,739 LF 6" PVC
  - P9: Woodland Heights Phase B & C - 11,631 LF 6" PVC
  - The Engineering contracts for Woodland Height projects have been approved by USDA.
- Sunrise Engineering is finalizing the EJCDC Contract along with their proposed Scope and Fee for:
  - P19: System Wide Water Model
  - The Engineering contracts for System Wide Water Modeling has been sent to USDA for review.

The District has requested USDA to approve authorization to proceed with the new Strawberry Ranch PZ Deep Well as soon as possible. The - **Estimated Project Cost: \$1,959,571**

The District is in the process of preparing a USDA Emergency Funding request for a new deep well as a separate loan and grant.

### **USDA Capital Program**

The District Treasurer continues to arrange for the interim financing needed to manage the initial cash flow related to the USDA Loan. It may be in the best interest of the District to arrange a planning and design loan with WIFA rather than interim financing. This is still under consideration.

Work is ongoing to complete the required USDA paperwork outlined in the Letter of Commitment, (LOC).

EUSI staff are working to ensure that the District is prepared to move forward with the first phase projects as approved by the Board.

- **Well and Water Production Infrastructure-**
  - District staff met with Aero Drilling to review the issues with the existing wells. It is expected that a program will be developed to improve these wells.
  - MR2 Well equipment has been pulled. We are awaiting an inspection report from Aero Drilling.
  - District Staff have decided to inspect a number of the existing wells for excess sediment, perhaps clean it and install different pumps that may better match the wells current capacity.
  - There are a number of wells that are out of service that need to be re-evaluated.

### **WIFA CAPITAL PROGRAM PLUS MISCELANEOUS DISTRICT CIP PROJECTS**

- **WIFA-**
  - Cool Pines Est Pipe Waterline Replacement Upgrade Phase B & C in Pine:
    - The main line will be connected to the water main along US87.
    - The District has asked MGC and their engineer to submit a new proposal and draft Task Order for the waterline installation. As soon as this is reviewed and approved by staff it will be submitted to the Board for approval.
  - Pine Creek 2 (Rimview Area):
    - Apache Underground Construction will be asked to submit a new JOC for review and approval once WIFA approves the project.

### **WIFA Project Meeting Items Review and Action:**

- EUSI is serving, on an interim basis, as the Operator of Record for the District's Public Water System. EUSI has provided a scope and fee proposal to continue to provide these services until District are Certified at the Grade III level.
- EUSI has been asked to prepare a new RSOQ for On-Call Engineering Services
- Review the WIFA project list and procurement issues.
- Project status updates are documented.
- WIFA Disbursements are reviewed and processed.
- Project Issues are addressed.
- EUSI personnel accompany District Staff on field site visits and discuss project issues.
- WIFA Assignment and USDA Assignment Logs are updated and maintained.
- Additional DOL/WIFA employee interviews are completed on active projects.
- EUSI staff check on the status of the WIFA Labor Boards

- A Canyon Tank warranty inspection with Superior Tank Solutions was completed and found to be in excellent condition. The second tank will be inspected next year.
- The District needs to determine the best means for a warranty inspection for Portals 2 and Portals 3 tanks.